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***LCA Near-Term Ecosystem Restoration Plan
Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Worksheet
Public Scoping Meetings April 19-23, 2004***

Question #1: What are the critical natural and human ecological needs that should be addressed in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Near-Term Ecosystem Restoration Plan? For example, critical natural and ecological needs may include: deltaic processes, sustainability, hurricane and flood protection, protection of human infrastructure, and others.

Comments

Question #2: What are the significant resources that should be considered in the PEIS for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Near-Term Ecosystem Restoration Plan? For example, significant resources may include: gulf hypoxia, barrier islands, offshore and inshore sand resources, water quality, and others.

Comments

S.C. #1: Engineering & Design (E&D) can be completed and Construction begun within 10 years?

No

Yes

Possible
Large-scale
Study



S.C. #2: Sufficient Science & Technology (S&T) and Engineering Understanding?

No

Yes

S&T uncertainty
(with Possible
Demonstration Project)



S.C. #3: Can be considered Independently of other Projects?

No

Yes

Repackage with
interdependent
opportunities;
reconsider package

Does opportunity meet some of the critical (natural and human) ecological needs selection criteria ?

No

Yes

Not a Near-term
restoration opportunity

Possible Near-term
restoration opportunity





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	Agree	Disagree	Comments on Applying the Criteria
Initial Sorting Criteria			
<i>Can Engineering & Design be completed and construction begun within 10 years?</i>			
<i>Is the restoration opportunity based upon sufficient scientific and engineering understanding of processes?</i>			
<i>Can the restoration opportunity be considered independently from other restoration opportunities, e.g. the restoration opportunity does not eliminate other near-term opportunities and/or require another project to be implemented first?</i>			
Critical Natural and Human Ecological Needs Selection Criteria			
<i>Does the restoration opportunity prevent future land loss where predicted to occur?</i>			
<i>(Sustainability) Does the restoration opportunity restore fundamentally impaired or mimic deltaic processes through river reintroductions?</i>			
<i>(Sustainability) Does the restoration opportunity restore endangered or critical geomorphic structure?</i>			
<i>Does the restoration opportunity protect vital community & socio-economic resources?</i>			
<i>Does the restoration opportunity capitalize on existing infrastructure and activities?</i>			
<i>Public Acceptability</i>			



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In the table below, please identify and explain any additional criteria that you feel the LCA Team should address when determining the LCA Near-Term Ecosystem Restoration Plan.

Criteria	Comments
Initial Sorting Criteria	
Critical Natural and Human Ecological Needs Selection Criteria	